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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 10-7-46

Call letters WBEJ
LOCATION: ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE

WBEJ, INCORPORATED (AL 2-8-56, EFF. 2-18-56)

x ROBERT W. ROUNSAVILLE AND GEORGE M. CLARK a/b as

Name of licensee ELIZABETHTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

On Army Street, 0.5 mi. west of US 19-E, Elizabethton, Tenn. (BP-3-2-62).

x State Line Road, Elizabethton, Tennessee (Lic. 3-26-51)

x On North Side of Highway #67 at Park St., Elizabethton, Tenn. (BP 10-24-50)

x State Line Road, approx. 3/4 mile from center of business district,

Transmitter location Elizabethton, Tenn. (OP 5-1-46) (Lic. 10-7-46)

626 1/2 Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee (Lic. 3-26-51)

x 626 1/2 Elk Ave., Elizabethton, Tenn. (BP Lic. 10-8-46)

Main studio location x to be determined, Elizabethton, Tenn. (OP 5-1-46)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
B3-P-3971 Letter	12-5-45 1-9-46	1240	250w	U	C.P. for new station subj. to filing MP for approval of T site and antenna and Conditional re waiver provisions 3.55(b)
B3-P-3971 B3-L-1848	5-1-46 Mod. C.P. (P-3971)	1240	250	U	7-1 1-1-47 for change in type of T, approval of antenna and T site (Cond'l Clause)
B3-L-2007 B3-Z-1831	10-7-46 Lic. cover CP(3971) as mod. for new station and determine operating power by direct method.	1240	250w	U	10-7 8-1-49 (Conditional Clause)
B3-L-2007 B3-Z-1831	10-7-47 Superseding lic. of same date to correct antenna current and resistance.	1240	250	U	10-7 8-1-49 (CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)
BR-1294	7-13-49	1240	250	U	8-1 8-1-52
BP-7845	10-24-50 CP to change transmitter location	1240	250w	U	12-24 6-24-51 (BL CL)
GL-4352 (COND. CL.)	3-26-51 Lic. to cover CP(7845) which auth. change T site.	1240	250w	U	3-26 8-1-52
BR-1294	7-2-52	1240kc	250w	Unl. (CoCl)	8-1-52 8-1-55
TELEGRAM	7-28-55	Action on renewal deferred 7-27-55 and continued operation authorized until final determination on renewal.			
BR-1294	8-31-55	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			8-31 8-1-58
BRC-811 (1)	9-9-55	Mod. of lic. to op. trans. by remote control from Elk Ave., Elizabethton, Tennessee			
BAL-2207 EFF:	2-8-56 2-18-56	Vol. assignment of license to WBEJ, Incorporated.			
BR-1294	7-2-58 7-26-61	1240	250w	U	8-1 8-1-61 Comm. deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.
BP-14,274	11-29-61	1240kc	250w-1kw	U	1-29-62 7-29-62 CP to incr. daytime power from 250w to 1kw, incr. ant. height from 195' to 300' and install new transmitter (COLLINS 20U). (Cond'l)
BR-1294	12-12-61	Renewal of license			12-12 8-1-64

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June 1954

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Name of licensee SEE CARD #1

Transmitter location

Main Studio Location

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BP-15033 (Cond'l)	3-2-62	1240kc	250w	Un	5-2 11-2-62 Construction permit to change antenna-trans. site; make changes in antenna system (inc. hgh.) and install new transmitter (COLLINA 20-V)
BMP-10217 (1)	4-19-62	Modification of	CP(BP-14,274)	to change (Cond'l)	antenna-trans. site
BP-15033 (1)	4-27-62	Modification of	CP to DELETE CONDITION (MEMO)		
BMP-10217 (2)	4-19-62	Modification of	CP(BP-14,274) o DELETE CONDITION (MEMO)		
BL-9403	8-9-62	1240kc	250w-1kw	Unl	8-9 8-1-64 Lic. to cover CP (BP-15,033 & BP-14,274) which auth chg. trans. site, make chgs. in ant. sys & inst install new trans. KINE COND'L
BR-1294(S)	7-10-64 S	1240kc	250w, 1kw-Unl		8-1 8-1-67 S
BL-10,449	8-26-64	1240kc	250w	Aux	8-26 8-1-67 Lic to use former main trans (Raytheon RA-250) on 1240kc, 250w for Aux pur- pose only from present loc. of main trans.
BR-1294	7-24-67	MAIN & Aux. Tran. Renewal of License & NDEA			8-1 8-1-70
BR-1294(S)	7-31-70	RENEWAL MAIN-AUX. & NDEA			8-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-1294(L)	7-31-73	RENEWAL MAIN & AUX.			8-1-76
BR-1294(S)	7-12-76	RENEWAL (MAIN & AUX.)			8-1-79
BTC-8359	6/17/77	Invol TC EFF:			
BTC-8757	9-11-78	VOL. TC EFF:			
BR790402XU(S)	7-31-79	Renewal of License (Main & Aux.)			8-1-82

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Name ELIZABETHTON BROADCASTING COMPANY

(P.O. Box 829, Elizabethton, Tennessee)

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B3-P-3971	9-8-45	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1240 kc Power: 250 w Hours of Operation: Unlimited time Trans. & Studio Location: To be determined, Elizabethton, Tennessee	Granted	12-5-45
Rec'd	9-11-45		subject filing MP for	
Filed	9-11-45		approval of T site & antenna and waived provisions 5.55(b) Letter 1-9-46 Issued with MP-1848	
		(Filed by Bennett & Clagett, Attorneys McNary & Wrathall, Engineers)		

COMPOSITE, DCC, Max. 250w

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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B3-MP-1848	1-26-46	Modification of Construction Permit (B3-P-3971, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) for change in type of transmitter, approval of antenna, and approval of transmitter location at State Line Road, Approx. 3/4 mi. from Center of Business District, Elizabethton, Tennessee.	GRANTED (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b))	5-1-46
Rec'd	1-30-46			
Filed	1-30-46			
		(Filed by John F. Clagett, Atty.; James C. McNary, Engr.)		

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			Nature	Date
B3-L-2007 Rec'd Filed	7-15-46 7-16-46 7-16-46	License to cover C.P. (B3-P-3971, as mod..) which authorized a new standard broadcast station, and approval of Studio location at 626½ Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee and	GRANTED (Conditional re waiver 3.55(b))	10-7-46
B3-2-1821 Rec'd Filed	7-15-46 7-16-46 7-16-46	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.		
BR-1294 Rec'd	5-24-49 5-31-49	Renewal of license. (Milton J. Kibler, Atty.)	GRANTED	7-13-49

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-7845 Rec'd Filed	9-27-50 9-28-50 9-28-50	Construction permit to change transmitter location from State Line Road, Approx. 3/4 mile from center of business district, Elizabethton, Tennessee to On North Side of Highway 67 at Park Street, Elizabethton, Tennessee. John A. Mason, Atty. John H. Mullaney, Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing	10-24-50
BL-4352 Rec'd. Filed	1-25-51 2-8-51 2-8-51	License to cover construction permit (BP-7845) which authorized change in transmitter location. William E. Benns, Jr., Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing clause	3-26-51
		Ltr. 3-27-51 notifying Comm. that Welch, Mott & Morgan are attys. effective 3-26-51		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1294 Rec'd Filed	4-17-52 4-30-52 4-30-52	Renewal of License Filed by Vincent B. Welch, atty.	GRANTED	7-2-52
BR-1294 Rec'd Filed	4-25-55 5-5-55 5-5-55	Renewal of license Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	8-31-55
BRC-811 Rec'd Filed	8-31-55 9-7-55 9-7-55	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Vincent A. Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED	9-9-55
BAL-2207 Rec'd Filed	12-29-55 1-6-56 1-6-56	Voluntary assignment of license to WBEJ Incorporated Vincent Pepper, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	2-8-56 2-18-56

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BR-1294	4-26-58	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	7-2-58
Rec'd	4-29-58			
Filed	4-29-58			
BP-14,274	7-27-60	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 250w <u>to</u> 1kw, increase antenna height from 195' <u>to</u> 300', and install new transmitter (COLLINS 20)	GRANTED	11-29-61
Rec'd	7-29-60		Permittee shall accept	
Filed	7-29-60		interf. as may be imposed	
			by other existing 250w	
			Class IV stations. XXXXXX	
		Atty. - Smith & Pepper	Permittee shall submit	
		Engr. - Louis A. King, Bristol, Tennessee	with applic. for license,	
			ant. resistance measure-	
			ments. Grant of this	
			applic. is made cond'l	
			upon whatever action	
			Commission may find appro-	
			appropriate in connection	
			with outstanding renewal	
			application WBEJ.	

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BR-1294	5-5-61	Renewal of License.	GRANTED	12-12-61
Rec'd	5-12-61			
Filed	5-12-61	Donald P. MacDonald, Atty.		
BP-15033	7-11-61	CP to chg trans site from State Line Rd.	RETURNED	8-3-61
Rec'd	7-27-61	Elizabethton, Tenn to On Arney St. .5 mi west	ditto wrong	
Resubm'd	8-10-61	of U.S. 19E, Elizabethton, Tenn. and to make	GRANTED	3-2-62
Filed	8-14-61	chgs in antenna system (incr. height from 195'	(cond'1) re	
		to 300'). and install a new transmitter (Collins 20-V2)	Field intensity meas.	
		Atty: Smith & Pepper		
BMP-10,217	3-10-62	Mod. of CP(BP-14274 which auth. inc. daytime power	RETURNED	4-2-62
Rec'd	3-13-62	inc. ant.hgt and install new trans) to chg.	to be notarized	
Resub.	3-10-62	antenna-trans. loc to On Arney St. .5 mi.W.	GRANTED	4-19-62
R.&F.	4-6-62	of US 19E, Elizabethton, Tenn.	(cond'1) re: Field	
			intensity measurements	

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Elizabethton, Tennessee

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BL-9403 R. & F.	5-17-62 5-18-62	& BP-14,274 Lic to cover CP(BP-15,033) which auth chg trans site, make chgs in antenna system & install new transmitter. & inc. power, daytime Atty- Smith & Pepper	GRANTED re: accept interf.	8-9-62
BL-10449 R&F	11-5-63 12-18-63	License to use former main transmitter (Raytheon RA-250) on 1240kc, 250w for Auxiliary purposes only from present loc. of main transmitter Atty. Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	3-26-64
BR-1294 Rec'd Filed	4-23-64 4-24-64 4-24-64	Renewal of license Atty. Robert W. Healy	GRANTED	7-10-64
BR-1294 Recd. Filed	4-25-67 4-28-67 5-2-67	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) Atty-Smith, Pepper, Shack & L'Heureux (Michael L. Glaser)	GRANTED <i>guy</i>	7-28-67

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BR-1294 Rec'd. \$105 #598609 PN Recd. FILED PRESS	4-17-70 5-4-70 " " 5-6-70 MAY 21 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX.) Robert J. Buenzle, Atty. (Smith, Pepper, Shack) AMENDED 6-18-70 re: commercial matter AMENDED 7-21-70 re: proposed commercial practices	GRANTED	7-31-70
BR-1294 R & F P.N. PRESS JUN 11 1973	4-27-73 5-3-73 5-3-73	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) Atty.: John E. Fiorini III	GRANTED	7-31-73
BR-1294 R & F P. N. Rec'd Press MAY 3 1976	3-26-76 3-30-76 3-30-76	Renewal of License. (Main & Auxiliary) Atty: James L. Oyster (Smith & Pepper)	GRANTED	7-12-76

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BTC-8359	4/26/77	Involuntary transfer of control of lic corp from Ann Hazen, Raymond C. Turrentine, Jr. and James Lewis Turrentine (33 1/3% Each) to Ann Hazen; Peter W. Hampton and the Citizens Bank, Elizabethton, Tennessee, Testamentary Trustees for the Estate of Raymond C. Turrentine, Jr., deceased and Julie B. Turrentine, Executrix of the Estate of James Lewis Turrentine, deceased Atty - James Oyster (Smith & Pepper) ORDER OF PROBATE filed 6/8/77	GRANTED	6/17/77
Rec'd	5/11/77		EFF:	11-30-76
Filed	6/8/77			"Cond'1"
FORM 316	JUN 13 1977			

BTC-8359 - Note: James & Raymond Turrentine both deceased
(James 11/30/76 & Raymond 10/18/74)

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Elizabethton, Tenn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BTC -8757	6-14-78	Vol TC from Ann Hazen; Peter W. Hampton and	GRANTED	9-11-78
R & F	6-19-78	the Citizens Bank, Elizabethton, Tennessee,	EFF:	9-11-78
FORM 315	JUL 25 1978	Testamentary Trustees for the Estate of Raymond		
IN FILED	7-14-78	C. Turrentine, Jr., Deceased,* and Julie B.		
		Turrentine, Executrix of the Estate of James		
		Lewis Turrentine, Deceased, TO SAME AS TRANSFERORS		
		Atty - James Oyster(Smith & Pepper)		
		(SEE OVER)		
		(and transferee)		
		*AMENDED 7-17-78 to chge one of transferors TO		
		Peter W. Hampton, Administrator, c.t.a., for		
		the Estate of Raymond C. Turrentine, Jr., Deceased		
+ - - - -	- - - - -	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)	GRANTED	7-31-79
BR 790402 KU		Jas. L. Oyster, Atty.		
PRESS MAY 11 1979				

RE: BTC -8757 Amend filed 7-17-78 - ltr stating that
Peter W. Hampton, Administrator, c.taa. for the Estate
of Raymond C. Turrentine, Jr., deceased is correct title
NOT as shown in BTC-8359 gr 6-17-77. COURT ORDER shows
both ways. REFERRED to Roy Stewart

AMENDED 9-5-78 re: Sec. II, Table I and II.

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

